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**Via ECF**

Hon. Matthew W. Brann, C.U.S.D.J.  
United States District Court  
Herman T. Schneebeli Federal Bldg. & U.S. Courthouse  
240 West Third Street  
Williamsport, PA 17701

**Re: *Berutti v. Wolfson*, Civil Action No. 22-cv-04661  
Plaintiffs' Motion Seeking Recusal**

Dear Chief Judge Brann:

This Office represents Chief Judge Freda L. Wolfson and Clerk William T. Walsh (collectively, the "Federal Defendants") in their official capacities in the above-referenced matter. We write to notify the Court that we are in receipt of Plaintiffs' motion seeking recusal under 28 U.S.C. § 455 and the Due Process Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment. ECF No. 21. While we do not believe that Plaintiffs' motion has any merit, we do not intend to file any formal opposition, leaving a decision on the motion to Your Honor's sound discretion.

Thank you very much for your time and continued attention to this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

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